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### Au Revoir

The South Auburn Methodist Church was well filled on Wednesday evening last, when the congregation and members of the various organisations connected with the church met to tender a farewell social to the Rev. W. Deane, who is being transferred to the Stanmore Circuit after two years' successful ministry here in the Home-bush Circuit.

Mr. R. W. J. Harley presided and spoke on behalf of the Sunday School in reference to the good work done in their school through Mr. Deane.

An apology was read from the Mayor of Auburn (Ald. T. Farrar), regretting his inability to be present and testifying to the good work done by Mr. Deane in Auburn.

Addressess were given by Mr. I. Cook (on behalf of the congregation), Mr. McEwen (on behalf of the Christian Endeavour), and Mr. Burrows (on behalf of the Young Men's M. I. So. jety).

During the evening, Misses Lipscombe, Bales and Robertson and Messrs. Deane and Sidney each contributed songs, and a duet was rendered by Miss Lipscombe and Mr. Deane.

Mr. J. Fredk. Burrows, in a very feeling manner, read the following address.

To THE REV. WALLACE DEANE on the occasion of his leaving Auburn for the Stanmore Circuit.—April 12, 1905.

DEAR MR. DEANE.—

It is our pleasing duty this evening to, in some slight degree, endeavour to testify to our appreciation of your ministry during the last two years, and we take this opportunity of presenting you with a small token of regard, which we trust will always serve to remind you of the friends you leave behind.

When you first arrived matters in connection with this church were by no means in as satisfactory a state as they are at present. You have shown intense zeal and enthusiasm in church matters, and have

taken a deep interest in affairs pertaining to Sunday School work. In addition to this there are two societies which owe their inception directly to yourself: one is the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society, which, though small in number, lacks little in efficiency, and which we hope will prove of ever increasing value to its members as time goes on. The other is the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, which is in a thoroughly healthy condition and is doing good work among the young people of the church.

You leave us with the assurance that you have done solid and abiding work, the permanency of which cannot be questioned.

We, on our side, part from you with feelings of keen regret, but it is our earnest wish and most heartfelt prayer that the blessing of the Almighty will follow you and attend upon your labours wherever your footsteps may be directed, and by no one will your future career be watched with more interest, sympathy and affection than by the congregation and the various institutions connected with the South Auburn Methodist Church.

Signed on behalf of the Congregation—E. Purkiss, Sunday School—Robt. W. J. Harley, C.E. Society—H. B. Harding, Y.M.M.I. Society—G. McEwan and J. Fk. Burrows.

Mrs. Purkiss, in a few well-chosen words, here seized the opportunity to present Mr. Deane with a handsome crocodile skin dressing case, bearing the following inscription:—

Presented to  
REV. WALLACE J. DEANE  
on his leaving the South Auburn  
Methodist Church—April 12, 1905.

Mr. Deane, who was visibly affected, thanked them heartily, and assured them that he would never forget his Auburn friends. It was a source of gratitude to him that his ministry had not been unproductive in a spiritual sense. He trusted they would forget his failings and remember only his good points. He prayed that God's blessing would rest upon them all.

A willing band of workers handed refreshments round at the conclusion of this very pleasant evening.

### Cantarta.

Among the many attractions presented on Wednesday evening in this Electorate was a nicely-rendered Cantata (built up on the story of the captivity of the Israelites in Egypt), entitled, "Cloud and Sunshine," given by the Granville Methodists to a large and representative audience in the Baptist Church, Auburn. Miss Haigh presided at the organ and Miss Greatrex and Master Haigh materially assisted in the instrumental charms by the aid of their violins. The Cantata ran with a smoothness that spoke of a master-hand in the training, and success crowned the efforts of the soloists—Misses Rowe and Hayman and Messrs. Davis, Bates, Swan and Haydon.

Rev. A. J. Wallock, expressed himself as being deeply indebted to the visitors for the excellent evening's enjoyment, and concluded by moving a hearty vote of thanks to the choir and their assistants that had so ably entertained them.

This was carried with hearty acclamation. Mr. James, conductor, acknowledged in the vote in a terser speech.

The visitors were afterwards entertained in the vestry with light refreshments.

### Microscopical

The Rookwood Congregational Juvenile Association issued a tempting programme to the general public, inviting old and young to their opening night for the 1905 season, and, we are pleased to say, the packed state of the congregational school hall on Wednesday evening was the happy response.

Punctually at 7.30 Mr. Walter C. Allen took the chair and welcomed the visitors. He also expounded the many advantages to be derived by the younger members of society joining their ranks; there was also ample scope for the elders to assist in the movement. The association was run on broad lines and all the young people of Rookwood and surrounding districts would be welcomed as members.

Mr. Allen's appeal was handsomely rewarded by strong reinforcements to the association's ranks.

That enthusiastic worker in the cause of progress, Mr. T. Corbett, for the evening's entertainment gave an interesting lecture entitled, "A peep into nature through the microscope," which created an interest among the audience that even a football match could not eclipse. The explanations were greatly enhanced by the aid of very clear acetylene gas lantern views, embracing pictures from the insect world—flies, bees, spiders, snails &c.; from the vegetable world—Stems annual rings, sections of wood, leaves, seaweed, &c.; from the mineral world—Fossils, chalk, soundings by H.M.S. Challenger, stems of plants in coal, limestone &c.

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How could I know?" she sighed. "You said nothing, and, oh, I wanted so to hear!"

And, singularly enough, he said nothing now, but they stood facing each other hand to hand, while the great vibrant life they were touching so closely filled their hearts and eyes, and left them faint. So they stood for hours or for seconds, they could not tell, spirit-hushed, ecstatic. The girl first knew that they must part.

"You must go," she whispered brokenly at last; "I do not want you to but you must."

She smiled up at him with trembling lips that whispered to her soul that she must be brave.

"Now go," she nerv'd herself to say, releasing her hands.

"Tell me," he commanded.

"What?" she asked.

"What I most want to hear."

"I can tell you many things," said she slowly, "but I do not know which of them you want to hear. Ah, Ned, I can tell you that you have come into a girl's life to make her very happy and very, very much afraid. And that is a solemn thing, is it not?"

"Yes," said he.

"And I can tell you that never can this be undone. That is a solemn thing, too, is it not?"

"Yes," said he.

"And that according as you treat her this girl will believe or not believe in the goodness of all men or the badness of all men. Ah, Ned, a woman's heart is fragile, and mine is in your keeping."

The man held both her hands, looking down on her. Then he replied solemnly:

"Virginia," said he, "as I deal with you, may God deal with me."

"Ah, that is as I like you," she cried aloud. "My own brave knight! I can wish you God speed now!"

She raised her lips and he kissed them reverently.

"Good-bye," she murmured.

He turned away and ran down the beach to the canoe.

"Good-bye, good-bye," she murmured again under her breath; "ah, good-bye! I love you! Oh, I do love you!"

Then suddenly from the bushes leaped dark figures. The still night was broken by the sound of a violent scuffle—blows—a fall. Then she heard Ned Trent's voice addressing her from the melee.

"Go back at once," he commanded clearly and steadily. "You can do no good. I order you to go home before they search the woods!"

But she crouched in 's el terror, her pupils wide to the dim light. She saw them bind him, and stand waiting; she saw a canoe glide out of the darkness; she saw the occupants of the canoe disembark; she saw them exhibit her little rifle, and heard them explain in Gree that they had followed the man swimming. Then she knew that the cause was lost, and fled as swiftly as she could through the forest.

### CHAPTER XIV.

Galen Albret had chosen to interrogate his recaptured prisoner alone. He sat again in the arm-chair of the council-room. The place was flooded with sunlight. It touched the high-lights of the tin e darkened rough furniture, it picked out of the brasses, it glorified the whitewashed walls. In its uncompromising illumination Me-

en-gan, the bowsman, standing straight and tall and silent by the door, studied his master's face and knew him to be deeply angered.

For Galen Albret was at this moment called upon to deal with a problem more subtle than any with which his policy had been puzzled in thirty years. It was bad enough that in repeated defiance of his authority this stranger should persist in his attempt to break the Company's monopoly; it was bad enough that he had, when captured, borne himself with so impudent an air of assurance: it was bad enough that he should have made open love to the Factor's daughter, should have laughed scornfully in the Factor's very face. But now the case had become grave. In some mysterious manner he had succeeded in corrupting one of the Company's servants. This was an act of treachery.

Some facts Galen Albret had well in hand. Others eluded him persistently. He, had of course, known promptly enough of the disappearance of a canoe, and had thereupon dispatched his Indians to the re-capture. Two figures had been seen in the act of leaving camp, one by the river, the other by the Woods Trail. But here the Factor's investigations received a check. The rifle brought in by his Indians, to his bewilderment, he recognized not at all. His repeated cross-examinations, when they touched on the question of Ned Trent's companion, got no further than the Cree wooden stolidity. Ni, they had seen no one, neither presence, sign or trail. But Galen Albret, versed in the psychology of his savage allies, knew they lied. He suspected them of clan loyalty to one of their own number, and yet they had never failed him before. Now, his revolver at his right hand, he interviewed Ned Trent alone, except for the Indian by the portal.

As with the Indians, his cross examination had borne scant results. The best of his questions but involved him in a maze of baffling surmises. Gradually his anger had mounted until now Me-en-gan, his bowsman, knew from the war-like appearance of the more prominent places on his deeply carved countenance that he had nearly reached the point of outbreak.

Swiftly, like the clink of rapiers, the questions and answers had broken across the still room.

"You had aid," the Factor asserted positively.

"You think so?"

"My Indians say you were alone. But where did you get this rifle?"

"I stole it."

"You were alone?"

TO BE CONTINUED.—[Commenced in our issue of October 8.]

## Conjuror's House

A Romance of the Free Forest

[BY STEWART EDWARD WHITE]

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## Flemington Notes.

Bazaar matters have loomed largely on my horizon during the week, the opening (at which I had the pleasure of being present) was not marred by any weather disadvantage. The attendance, though not perhaps as large as anticipated, was satisfactory. The secretary informs me that about £18 10s was realized for the first day.

What might have been a very serious accident, happened to Mr. Robert Bamby, of Rookwood, last Saturday. He was riding along Marlborough-road, Flemington, when his horse threw him heavily upon an old tree stump. He received a nasty shaking, but it is thought no bones are broken. He has been confined to his bed ever since. His many friends wish "Bob" a speedy recovery.

A wild kind of excitement pervaded the sale yards on Monday last when it became known that a bullock-riding exhibition was to be given, at the close of the cattle sales, by one of Fitzgerald's "artists." Though the unconcerned demeanor of some of the cattle drafters in handling a wild Queenslander is enough to give you that icy sensation down your spine, I

## Silverwater.

The annual distribution of prizes to the scholars attending the Church of England Mission Sunday School of this part of Auburn district took place on Wednesday evening before a full house. Rev. F. C. Williams occupied the chair, and Mr. Windsor made the presentations in a felicitous speech. Rev. A. N. Burton supported the Rector.

In addition to this happy event a pleasant evening's entertainment was provided and enjoyed by the assembly.

Proceedings were commenced by the children singing "Yield not to temptation," Rev. Mr. Burton afterwards conducting devotional exercises. This was followed by a nice pianoforte selection, "Old folk at home," with variations arranged by the pianist, Mrs. Burton.

These items were followed by Mr. A. E. Reay (who sang "In days of old" and "Queen of the earth") and Miss Ivy Abbott, whose vocal contribution was "Star of Bethlehem." Additional interest was centered in the programme through Miss Begg's taking banjo selections—"The Liverpool March" and "Blue bells of Scotland." Miss Begg also sang "Love's old sweet song." "A golden dream," as rendered by Miss Freeman, was listened to with interest. Miss Cheetham favoured the audience with a pianoforte selection and little Miss Owen caused merry laughter to peal forth from all listeners with her quaint recitations, "Our baby" "The Maiden Aunt" and "The Quaker maid." A promising young artist, Miss A. Lewis, gave a good vocal rendering of the "Valley by

## Crumbs

Whisky means destruction and hell to any man who plays with it. Yet the consumption of alcoholic liquors by the Anglo-Saxon race is increasing per capita, and more criminal prosecutions are caused through it than ever before.—Thus said Mr. Fred. B. Smith, American Evangelist, to a crowded meeting at the Sydney Town Hall.

2891 meals were supplied to 92 women and 14 children at the City night Refuge and soup kitchen, Sydney, for the week ending April 8th last, and 843 men, 37 women and 7 children were sheltered there during that period. Out-door relief was also given to 20 families—representing 100 persons.

The Rookwood Bicycle Club has set out to make things hum. Last Saturday afternoon they engaged in a fast race from Rookwood to Bankstown. There were about 11 entries and good time was made. The winner turned up in Mat. Harris, with Fred Aplin, (both scratch men) second. The first prize was £1, the second a pair of cycle shoes. A race caused much amusement in Joseph-street. This was a slow race for about 60 yards, the winner being J. Cooper. In the first race which started at 4 o'clock, Mr. Cooper acted as starter and timekeeper. We hear other wheel events will be brought on to-day.

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**Auburn News and Granville Electorate Gazetteer.**

"How far that little candle throws its beams."—SHAKESPEARE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1905.

## Australia! Australia!

In calling your attention to the advertisement in our columns, announcing that the Carrington Surprise Party will make its second appearance in the Auburn Town Hall this evening, we must say that the performance given by this talented company of Australian children is a wonderful exhibition of the powers of tuition of the Misses Lonsdale, who, at considerable expense, are able to place before the public such a splendid programme as that produced last Saturday night, and which we hope will be presented this evening to a full house. The company embraces 60 performers, 20 of whom represented the Surprise Party on their last visit. To see and hear these children—whose ages vary from 4 years to 14—in their pieces is really a pleasant recreation, and we cannot do better than recommend you to see the little up-to-date show. Besides solos, sextettes, coon and descriptive songs, skirt dances, &c., there is the champion cyclist (about 8 years of age—holder of nine medals,—who delights you with his trick riding. As Master Albert Haydon leaves early next month for England, to tour that part of the globe, it would be as well to speculate to-night, and see what Australian children can accomplish.

The entertainment is under the personal direction of Miss M. Lonsdale, who also acts as accompanist.

have never yet heard one of them express a desire to try a ride. A particularly wild bullock was selected for the young fellow, who certainly showed more courage than sense. The roping and separation of the selected animal however intensified its irritation and excitement to such a degree that it was practically mad. The sale yards constable considered it time, both in the interests of humanity to the animal and the safety of the venturesome lad, to stop the matter proceeding any further, so he cut the rope and released the bullock, and the sensation was at an end; and three minutes later the "yards" had assumed their usual businesslike sale day appearance.

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the Sea."

Special reference was made to the growth of the school since its inception, 6 years ago, and the great work done by the late Superintendent, Mr. Groves, who has been succeeded by a young but ardent worker in speeding of the gospel. The speakers felt confident that Mr. Paine would be successful in his portion as Superintendent.

The entertainment was organised for the purpose of raising funds to increase the school library. On this being made known, Mr. Windsor promised a parcel of books and Rev. Mr. Williams promised a second parcel.

The customary vote of thanks and the Benediction brought the concert to a close at 9.30 p.m.

Last Saturday night Auburn-road presented a busier aspect than it has for some time past. The shops were well lighted and everything was bright. The Auburn Mission Brass Band played some very choice selections on the road, under bandmaster Nelson Andrews. We are asked to convey the thanks of the band to the public for their liberal financial support. They hope to make another appearance very shortly.

The bye-election which took place last Saturday for an alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ald. Robertson in the Rookwood Council resulted in a victory for Mr. J. Javes. The voting was:—J. Javes 48, T. Board 44.

Our local Orangemen and their "sisters" journeyed in four-in-hand drags on Wednesday evening last to their Glebe brethren, who received them most loyally and made the visitors welcome. The party landed home, after a pleasant drive about mid-night.

An entertainment, under the auspices of the Auburn Mission, is to take place next Tuesday evening in the Cumberland Hall. Mr. Lawson Dash will, for a short space of time, give a temperance address. The admission is by silver coin—if you have one; if not, you will be just as welcome.

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My hunger for information was insatiable, so I toured round for further tidings, and I gleaned that Mrs. Bambury, of Rookwood, had landed the first prize for the best article made from 3d worth of material; Mrs. Weir and Miss Williams being very highly commended for their entries. Mrs. T. Hughes demonstrated that scones can be made light and tasty to the palate, even when cold: for her excellent entry she was awarded first prize. Observing a tempting jam sandwich on one of the stalls, I essayed to commandeer it, but a sentry, in the form of one of Eve's fairest daughters, challenged my right and intimated that that particular dainty was the handwork of Miss Austin, who had been awarded the first prize for best jam sandwich. In beating a retreat after defeat, my eye was suddenly arrested by a handsome breast spray

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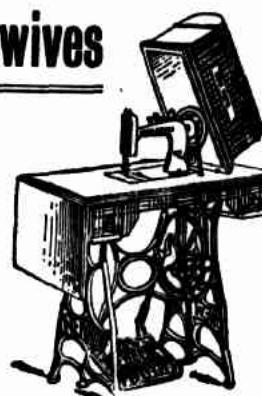
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Rev. Charles Stodd, after offering up prayer for the many abundant blessings sent down by God, introduced, in a terse speech, Mrs. G. F. Todman, of Strathfield, who had willingly responded to the committee's invitation to open the bazaar. Though Mrs. Todman was not a Methodist, she belonged to a wider church—the church of God. Whatever good was to be done in the advancement of the Master's work, there was this lady to be found with her influence and purse. The rev. gentleman further explained that the sale of work was being held to liquidate a debt incurred in adding to the building. The cost of addition was £62 10s. but the committee had already reduced that debt by £7 10s. and the balance they hoped to clear off by this th ee days' sale.

Mrs. Todman, in appropriate language, expressed her delight at being privileged to declare the sale of work open, and trusted the committee's hopes would be fully realized. Mrs. Todman was then presented by Miss Dorothy Hughes with a magnificent bunch of roses—Tereselevette and Celestineforester, fastened together with tangerine streamers and chiffon.

Mr. C. H. Williams, in moving a vote of thanks to Mrs. Todman, briefly traced the history of their church from the time they first held service in an old 12 x 12 butcher's shop to the present day. The lady who had that day come forward to open their sale was among the first that exhibited a warmth in the work they were about to take in hand, and her cheering words were an incentive that had lived with them. In

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and three button-holes of flowers of exquisite hue. The beauty of blend elicited the remark from the judges that among the exhibits ever before them they had seen nothing better. The exhibitor of this attraction was Mrs Bambury, who received the committee's donation for first prize. Another great draw was Mrs. G. Weir's winning entries for best hand or table bouquet. Here, also, was noticed a superior taste for display of the beauties of the garden. Among the competitions was one to test the quality only of the best fruit cake. For this Mrs. Ellis was placed in the front rank and highly complimented upon her efforts. "Sweets to the Sweet" is the old, old story, and those who had the privilege of passing judgement upon the entries in Section 5 (best collection of home-made lollies) had a difficult task to perform owing to so many excellent varieties coming forward. However, the honors were finally given to Miss Ellis Williams, to whom goes the first prize.

Having a few moments to spare I cajoled a handsome young lady into giving me the names of the various stalls and their presiding officers, who looked very bewitching as they button-holed poor, simpleman. The names? Let me see—they are:—Work, Mrs. G. V. Hughes; Nic-nacs, Mrs. A. C. Christie and assistants; Produce, Mrs. T. Hughes and assistants; Refreshments, Mrs. Ellis and assistants; Lollies, Miss Aggie Reid; and Flowers, Misses Dorothy Hughes and Iris Small. Added to these were two Orange Trees in charge of two cavaliers, Messrs. Frank Williams and Herbert Moss; also an iceberg—no, I mean an Ice Cream department, under the management of Messrs. George Thompson and Oscar Janzen.

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making up their returns he noticed that a few short years back the little church could not count on more than £1 (average 16s) after all expenses were met; last quarter their returns gave them £8 clear.

Mr. G. Weir expressed his personal gratification—and that of the committee—for the practical response that had been made to their efforts, particularly to Mrs. Todman, who had so willingly travelled from home to help them by her presence. He had much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks.

Mrs. Todman suitably replied to the vote. Mrs. Young, who had kindly adjudicated for the committee was also warmly thanked for her help. Mrs. Young responded and expressed her willingness to at all times assist the church in its undertakings when her services could be utilised.

In the evening of Wednesday a programme of excellent character was submitted, consisting of recitations by Miss Newell, solos by Mrs. Vessey and a phonographic entertainment. An interesting feature of the latter was the taking of records and their immediate reproduction on the phonograph. Mr. Bensley sang a solo into the instrument and Mr. C. H. Williams spoke a few words. The voices were reproduced, the intonation being clear and distinct.

Various entertainments were carried out on Thursday and Friday evenings. The takings for the first day totalled £18 9s. 5d.

A nice donation to the church was a well-constructed arm-chair, which exhibited the high standard attained by the donor (Mr. C. H. Williams, George-street, Homebush) in the art of upholstering.

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## HISTORY OF AUBURN AND ITS SURROUNDING DISTRICT.

No. 3

By H. W. H. HUNTINGTON

### The First Harvest at Auburn in December, 1793.

When Lieutenant-Governor Grose wrote to Secretary Dundas on February 16, 1793, he made special reference to his having placed the first free Australian settlers in situations of their own choosing at Liberty Plains. He also reported there was every appearance of an abundant harvest. The Secretary of the Colony also recorded that the colony would receive great benefit from the new settlers. Writing in June, 1793, he remarked that although the settlers only took possession of their farms in the middle of February, they had got a great deal of ground ready for a crop of wheat and had approved themselves deserving of every encouragement.

About the middle of December, 1793, the wheat sown in April, by the six settlers in our district, being perfectly ripe, the harvest commenced, and fully 22 bushels per acre was received. When this wheat was properly cleaned and dried it was taken to the government stores at Sydney, where the Government Commissary paid the settlers ten shillings for each bushel.

### Troublesome Blacks in 1793 and 1794.

The settlement of our district was by no means without hazard and disappointment and suffering to those who were first engaged in it. In spite of all efforts to prevent it, misunderstandings began to arise between the settlers and the blacks, and it seemed impossible to check the unruly spirits of the assigned convicts cruelly ill-treating the poor savages, who often displayed a thievish temper, which provoked injuries from the men possessed of firearms. About the middle of the year 1793, large numbers of blacks lurked about the farms and forcibly took from the assigned convicts provisions and clothing. Lieutenant-Governor Grose' finding that some of the convicts, had been speared for interfering with the black women's camps, sent out small parties of armed soldiers to drive the blacks away from the vicinity of the farms. In most of these raids on the blacks volleys of shot would be poured among the barbarians in order (as the records affirm) to pepper their legs and arms rather than to take life, because it was the Lieutenant-Governor's positive orders that every care should be taken to prevent loss of life. It must be owned, however, that the settlers at Liberty Plains at first paid a proper regard to the rights of the poor savages by giving them bread (of which they were exceedingly fond) and also any worn-out jacket, trowsers, piece of blanket, &c. The settlers generally led the blacks to believe that the convict farm-labourers were bad men and cruel ruffians, hence the blacks hated and detested the convicts, while as a rule they treated the settlers with forbearance as if they held in awe the deadly effects of firearms, frequently carried by the settlers in search of wild fowl or animals of the wilderness.

### The Pernicious Vice of Gambling.

The Liberty Plains settlers were somewhat justified in leading the blacks to believe the convict labourers were bad characters, inasmuch as the pernicious vice of gambling was the first and prime cause of many cases of brutal assaults, drunkenness, and even some murders. The love of money "was the root of all evil" in those primitive times, and to such excess had the pursuit of gambling been carried on among the

convicts that they had been known after losing provisions, money and all their spare clothing to have staked and lost the very clothes on their wretched backs, standing in the midst of their associates as degraded and as careless of their degradation as the blacks of the country which these gamblers disgraced. Money was their principal object, for with money they could purchase spirits or whatever else their passions made them covet. They would play at their favourite games—cribbage and all-fours—for 6, 8 and 10 dollars each game, and those who were not so expert as these, instead of pence tossed up for dollars. These meetings were scenes of swearing, quarrelling, and profaneness, leading to garden robberies, burglaries, &c.

### Prices Current of our district in 1793 and 1794.

It is a subject of interest to every enquiring mind to trace the feeble beginnings of the first settlers to change a lonely uncultivated wilderness into an enclosed and fruitful country. It cannot but be useful to enquire into the prices of grain, live and dead stock, groceries, spirits, &c., as they were sold or valued in our district 112 years ago. In 1792 Governor Phillip had established markets at Parramatta and Sydney. In 1793, and in 1794, the prices current were as follows:—

Wheat, per bushel, for cash, 10s; ditto, in payment for labor, 14s; Maize, per bushel, 7s; ditto, in payment for labor, 12s 6d; Caffre corn, 5s; English flour, per lb., 6d; flour of New South Wales, 3d; ditto for labor, 4d; potatoes, per cwt. 10s, per lb. 14d; Cape ewes, £6 to £8 8s; Cape wethers, from £4 to £5 10s; she goats, full-grown £8 8s, half-grown £4 4s; male goat, full-grown, £2; breeding sows, from £8 to £6; sucking pigs, 6s; a full-grown hog, from £3 to £3 10s; turkeys, per couple, £2 2s; ducks, per couple, 10s; laying-hens, each, 5s; a full-grown cock 4s; half-grown fowls, 2s; chickens, 6 weeks old, per couple, 2s; fresh pork, per lb., 9d; mutton, per lb., from 2s to 2s 6d; kangaroo, per lb., 4d; salt pork, per lb., 9d; salt beef, per lb., 6d; tea, per lb., green from 12s to 16s; black from 10s to 12s; sugar, per lb., loaf 2s 6d, fine moist 2s, coarse moist 1s 6d; butter, per lb., from 2s to 2s 6d; cheese, from 2s to 2s 6d per lb.; soap, 2s to 3s per lb.; tobacco, per lb., from 1s to 1s 6d; lamp oil made from shark's liver, 4s per gallon; Jamaica rum, from £1 to £18 per gallon; American rum, from 16s to £1 per gallon; Coniac brandy, from 16s to £1 4s; Cape brandy from 16s to £1 per gallon; Cherry brandy, £3 12s per dozen; Cape Maidera wine, 12s per gallon; Porter, from 4s to 6s per gallon.

As the original, or first, Auburn settlers were dairy-farmers, this list of prices current cannot fail to prove interesting to dairy-farmers of the present day. There was very little live stock in the colony at that early period, hence we find an English cow, in calf, being sold for £80, and the calf, which proved a male, was sold for £15. A mare, though aged and defective, had been sold for £40. As stock was the currency of the colony, one kind of animal was exchanged for another. Articles were given in lieu of labour, according to the prices stated. During the Liberty Plains harvest of December, 1794, much of the wheat was found to be blighted, and instead of 20 bushels the yield was about 10 to 15 per acre. The Indian corn and dairy produce turned out very productive, and yielded lucrative returns.

[ERRATA.—1788 Colony founded, not 1793 as printed in last issue.]

